

MINUTE ITEM

23. SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 11594, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, WILLIAM D. JESSUP AND CHARLES S. JESSUP - S.W.O. 7578.

The Executive Officer reported that subsequent to preparation of Calendar Item 2 attached, a letter had been received from Deputy Director Harry Anderson of the California State Department of Fish and Game, dated December 13, 1961, suggesting that the State Lands Commission consider withholding action on sale of the piece of land specified in Application No. 11594 of William D. Jessup and Charles S. Jessup until the Colorado River Land Use Plan is completed.

The Executive Officer recommended approval of the request of the Department of Fish and Game with a further recommendation that the applicants:

1. Be informed as to the nature and reason for the withholding, and
2. Be afforded an option of (a) canceling their application and receiving a refund of their deposits, or (b) allowing the application and deposits to stand, thus retaining their rights to purchase should it be determined by the Department of Fish and Game that the land will not be necessary for public use.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

1. TO WITHDRAW FROM SALE, ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, THE E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 16, T. 4 S., R. 23 E., S.B.M. (CONTAINING 320 ACRES MORE OR LESS, IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY);
2. TO INFORM THE APPLICANTS UNDER APPLICATION NO. 11594, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT (WILLIAM D. JESSUP AND CHARLES S. JESSUP) OF THE WITHDRAWAL AND THE REASON THEREFOR; AND
3. TO GIVE TO THE APPLICANTS THE OPTION OF EITHER CANCELING THEIR APPLICATION NO. 11594 AND RECEIVING A REFUND OF THEIR DEPOSITS MADE UNDER THE APPLICATION, OR OF ALLOWING THE APPLICATION AND DEPOSITS TO STAND, THEREBY RETAINING THEIR RIGHTS AS FIRST APPLICANTS TO PURCHASE THE LAND IF IT SHOULD ULTIMATELY BE DETERMINED THAT THE PARCEL IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE.

Attachment

Calendar Item 2 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

2.

SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 11594, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, WILLIAM D. JESSUP AND CHARLES S. JESSUP - S.W.O. 7578.

An offer was received from William D. Jessup and Charles S. Jessup of Buena Park, California, to purchase the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, T. 4 S., R. 23 E., S.B.M., as shown on official U. S. plat of survey approved May 22, 1879, containing 320 acres more or less, in Riverside County, for \$640 or \$2 per acre.

A staff appraisal shows that the land is not suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation, and establishes its value at an average of \$15 per acre, for a total of \$4,800. The applicants deposited the necessary amount to meet this value.

Blythe is 19 road-miles south of the subject parcel via Highway 95. An unimproved dirt road, seldom used, passes through the north portion of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the parcel. Access from Highway 95 to the parcel is by 1.5 miles of poor jeep trails. Elevation ranges between 460 and 600 feet. There is no surface water on the parcel. The highest and best use is for seasonal recreation. Resorts along Colorado River, 8 to 10 miles distant, provide swimming, fishing and boating facilities.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that bids must be in excess of \$4,800. No bids were received pursuant to advertising.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION FIND THAT THE E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 16, T. 4 S., R. 23 E., S.B.M., AS SHOWN ON OFFICIAL U. S. PLAT OF SURVEY APPROVED MAY 22, 1879, CONTAINING 320 ACRES MORE OR LESS, IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL IRRIGATION, AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SAID LAND, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS INCLUDING MINERALS, TO THE FIRST APPLICANTS, WILLIAM D. JESSUP AND CHARLES S. JESSUP AT A CASH PRICE OF \$4,800.